

P-519, 403/CP-89-703 ORDER REVISING RATES FOR POLLING

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of a Petition for
Extended Area Service From the
Easton Exchange to the Wells
Exchange

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On July 6, 1992, the Commission issued its ORDER RECONSIDERING JUNE 11, 1991 ORDER AND ADOPTING RATES FOR POLLING in this matter.

On September 8, 1992, the Commission met on its own motion to reconsider the rates adopted in that Order.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

In 1990, the telephone companies serving the petitioning Easton exchange (Easton Telephone Company or Easton) and the petitioned Wells exchange (Blue Earth Telephone Company or Blue Earth) filed costs studies and proposed rates in this matter.

Subsequently, Easton settled an overearnings investigation by the Minnesota Department of Public Service (the Department) by agreeing to reduce its local service rates by \$1.96 for both residential and business customers.

The extended area service (EAS) rates adopted in the July 6, 1992 Order were based upon the earlier filed cost studies which, of course, did not take the rate reduction into account. As a consequence, the EAS rates adopted on July 6, 1992 maintained the ratio between business and residential rates that existed prior to the rate reduction rather than as of the date the EAS rates were adopted, as required by Minn. Stat. § 237.161, subd. 3 (a) (1990).¹

¹ Minn. Stat. § 237.161, subd. 3 (a) (1990) states in relevant part: "The costs must be apportioned among the customers in an exchange so that the relationship between the rates for

Accordingly, the Commission will amend the EAS rates adopted for Easton to achieve the proper ratio between the residential and business rates.

ORDER

1. The Commission hereby revises previously adopted extended area service (EAS) rates for polling the petitioning Easton exchange as follows:

The revised EAS rate additives for Easton are:

<u>Residential</u>	<u>Business</u>
\$9.30	\$15.36

2. Easton Telephone Company (Easton) shall cooperate fully with Commission Staff and Commission contractors to expedite the polling of Easton subscribers. As part of this cooperation, Easton shall provide Commission Staff upon request with a customer list for the Easton exchange and associated information in a timely fashion.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Executive Secretary

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classes of basic local service remains the same."